(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any talks between the CIL and World Bank officials were held last year in Washington in this context;

(d) if so, the outcome of the talks and negotiations between them so far; and

(e) the project and other purposes for which the CIL will be utilising the World Bank financail assistance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (e) A pro-posal comprising of 17 mining projects, two non-mining projects and replacement of Heavy Earth Moving Machinery in 22 existing mines/projects has been posed by Coal India Ltd. (CIL) for seeking assistance from the World Bank. The estimated assistance sought by CIL is approximately Rs. 2517 crores. The estimated production for the 17 mining projects in the above mentioned proposal is 38.7 million tonnes per annum after the projects are fully implemented. The other portion of the proposal aims at replacement of Heavy Earth Moving Machinery in the existing mines/projects whereby the level of production being achieved at present can be maintained. The proposals have been discussed with the World Bank.

मध्य प्रदेश के रायगढ़ जिले में छाल कोयला खदान हेतु अधिग्रहित भूमि

5277. **श्री गोविन्द राम मिरी** : क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के रायगढ़ जिले में स्थित छाल कोयला खदान के लिए साउथ ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स द्वारा किसानों की भूमि अधिग्रहित की गयी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो अधिग्रहित की गई भूमि कितनी है और इसका अधिग्रहण कब किया गया था;

(ग) क्या प्रभावित किसानों को उनकी भूमि के संदर्भ में मुआवजे का भुगतान कर दिया गया है; और

(घ) प्रभावित किसानों की संख्या कितनी है और मुआवजे के रूप में कितनी धनराशि दी गयी है ?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजित कुमार पांजा) :

(क) और (ख) साउथ ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लि. द्वारा दिनांक 8-4-1994 को चालू खान में संरचनात्मक सुविधाओं के लिए 6.474 है. कृषि भूमि अधिग्रहीत की गई ।

(ग) और (घ) इससे प्रभावित किसानों की संख्या 8 है तथा दिनांक 11-4-1994 को 2,93,409 रु. की राशि मुआवजे के रूप में राज्य सरकार के पास जमा कर दी गई थी ।

Supply of Sub-standard coal to Thermal Power Stations in Gujarat

5278. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that substandard coal is being supplied to various Thermal Power Stations in Gujarat ;

(b) whether Government have received an complaints from the State Government in this regard ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the remedial measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE M1NISETER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (d) According to information received from Coal Lndia Ltd. they have received complaints from Gujarat State Electricity Borad which complaints inter-alia pertain to size of coal etc. The percentage of despatches in respect of which complaints were received as against the total coal despatch to power houses of Gujarat during 1993-94 was 1.10%.

Indian coals generally are found inter-banded with layers of shale, stone etc. Inspite of the best efforts, it may not always be possible to fully segregate shales, stone etc. from coal in the process of mining and handling. However, coal companies are taking following steps to improve the quality of coal :

(i> An action plan for installation of feeder breakers and coal handling plants is being implemented to ensure that sized coal is supplied to the consumers.

(ii) Stones are being segregated at the time of loading of coal.

(iii) Slow moving picking belts are being provided in coal handling plants for picking up of shale and stone pieces.

(iv) Better supervision is being ensured at the time of loading to maintain quality of coal and developing quality con-ciousness among workers, supervisors and executives.

(v) Modification and modernisation of existing coking coal washeries.

(vi) Setting up of new washeries for washing of coking coal for use of steel plants.

(vii) Setting up of coal beneficiation pro-iects for supply of benificiated coal for some of the distant power stations located more than 1000 Kms from coalfields.

(viii) A legislation has also been enacted recently to permit beneficiation of coal by private parties.

Increasing coal prices by Singareni Colliery Company Ltd.

5279. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Singareni Colliery Company Limited (SCCL), a major coal public Sector Undertaking, has increased prices of its coal by an average of Rs. 30 per tonne with effect from 1st April, 1974;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for increase in prices;

(c) whether it is a fact that this price increase is not part of the normal increase recommended by Bureau for Industrial Costs and Prices; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) and (c) Yes Sir,

(b) and (d) Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd. a joint venture of Govt, of Andhra Pradesh and the Govt, of India has been incurring losses due to deteriorating equity debt ratio, disturbed law and other situation and heavy interest burden.